GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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COAL CONTROL SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any representation from the Federation of coal consumers, Dealers and Traders of India regarding the attempts by some Coal India Limited officials to retain/continue coal control system with the aid of some politicians and State administration associates;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have issued suitable directives to Coal India Limited to evolve a suitable Policy under the existing Law i.e Colliery Control Order January, 2000 wherein each citizen should get coal of his requirement without any difficulty, and

(d) if not, the likely time by which such directives are likely to be issued and enforced upon CIL for implementation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL & MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARATI)

(a) & (b): The Union Government has received several representations from the Federation of Coal Consumers, Dealers and Traders of India. The issues raised by the Federation are as under:

(i) Release of coal under Open Sale Scheme (OSS) to customers of non-core sector in West Bengal and other states.

(ii) Non-availability of coal to Sponge Iron Units.

(iii) Delay in framing of Coal Sales Policy for non- core sector.

(iv) Release of coal to bogus industries.

(v) Coal to be placed under free sale scheme.

(vi) Allotment of coal to the Federation for distribution to its members.

(vii) Transparent coal distribution policy.

(viii) Violation of amended Colliery Control Order, 2000.

(ix) Formulation of suitable coal sale policy under Colliery Control Order, 2000.

(c)&(d) In order to reach the benefit of de-regulation of coal with the issuance of new Colliery Control Order, 2000 in supersession of Colliery Control Order, 1945, Coal India Limited (CIL) decided to liberalise the policy for sale of coal to non-core sector. Accordingly, CIL Board decided in June, 2001 to authorise subsidiary companies to formulate their own system and procedures for sale of coal to non-core sector. Such system and procedure would be evolved within the frame work of uniform guidelines provided by CIL. As per the decision, the new policy would aim at being transparent, customer friendly and simpler.